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SOLAR OBSERVATIONS

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For a description of instruments employed and their exposures, the reader is referred to the January 1932, REVIEW page 26

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Table 1 shows that solar radiation intensities averaged above normal for October at all three Weather Bureau

stations.

Table 2 shows an excess in the total solar radiation received on a horizontal surface at all stations for which normals have been computed, with the exception of Twin Falls and Miami.

Since the installation of a new blast furance by the Research Corporation on the campus of the American University, smoke and gases have at times so vitiated the

Table 1.—Solar radiation intensities during October, 1933
[Gram-calories per minute per square centimeter of normal surface]
WASHINGTON, D.C.

	Sun's zenith distance												
	8 a.m.	78.7°	75.7°	70.7°	60.0°	0.00	60.0°	70.7°	75.7°	78.7°	Noor		
Date	75th				Air	mass		-			Local		
	mer. time		Α.:	м.				Р.	М.		solar time		
	e.	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0 1	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	e.		
	mm	cal	cal	cal	cal	cal	cal	cal	cal	cal	mm		
Oct. 2	8.48	0.75		1. 15	1. 27		1. 26				7. 57		
ot. 5	10. 59		. 44 1. 03	1 16	1.31	1.49	1. 33	1. 11	1.00	0. 87	9. 8: 6. 70		
)ct. 6)ct. 7	7. 57 6. 76	. 91 . 73		1. 16 1. 02		1.49	1.00	1.11	1.00	0. 01	8.1		
oct. 10	7.87	. 68	.83	. 99	1. 10	1. 77					6.0		
oct. 12	8. 18	. 00	.00		1.04						10. 5		
Oct. 14	6.02		. 96	. 99							4.1		
Oct. 19	6.02			1.10							4.9		
oct. 20	6. 27				1.06						8.1		
et. 26	2. 74	. 94	1.05	1. 12	1.30		1.16				3.30		
et. 27	4. 75	77		. 85			1. 12	. 98			6. 2 9. 7		
)ct. 30)ct. 31	6. 27 8. 48	. 44 . 56		.82							10.9		
Means	0.40	.72	. 84	1, 02		(1.46)	1, 22	1.04	(1.00)	(.87)	10.0		
Departures		03	±.00	+.06	+.04								

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Oct. 2 Oct. 3	5. 16 5. 56		0.99 .88	1. 18	1. 33	1. 52					4. 95 6. 27
Oct. 4	7.04				1. 23						7. 29
Oct. 5	6.50		. 83		1. 21	1.52					7.04
Oct. 11	7. 29			1.07			1.27				7. 29
Oct. 12	5. 36			1.20			<i>-</i>				4. 17
Oct. 13	4. 57		. 94		1.34	1.54					4. 37 3. 30
Oct. 18 Oct. 25	4. 57 2. 74		i. 11	1.18		1.04				-	2.87
Oct. 30	9. 47		. 68				1, 10				11.38
Oct. 31	10, 21			87	1. 12		1. 13				11.81
Means		.89		1,06	1, 22					1	
Departures		+.11	—. 01	+.02	+.03	+.09	02				
=		1	!							1	

¹ Interpolated.

Table 1.—Solar radiation intensities during Otcober, 1933—Con.
LINCOLN. NEBR.

				NCOI	, 14	EDK.							
				8	Bun's z	enith o	listanc	e					
	8 a.m.	78.7°	75.7°	70.7°	60.0°	0.0°	60.0°	70.7°	75.7°	78.7°	Noon		
Date	75th				Air	mass	mass						
	mer. time		Α.	м.				Р.	м.		solar time		
	е.	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	e.		
Oct. 1	mm 5.79	cal	cal	cul	cal	cal 1. 54 1. 46	cal 1. 32	cal 1, 14	cal 1.03	cal 0. 93	mm 4.17		
Oct. 4 Oct. 5 Oct. 6		0 87 .76 .84	. 98 . 84 . 98	1. 10 1. 04 1. 10	1. 28 1. 28 1. 29	1. 49 1. 49 1. 54	1. 29 1. 26	1. 14 1. 07	1.00 .92	. 88 . 82	4. 57 6. 76 7. 29 4. 75		
Oct. 7 Oct. 9 Oct. 10	4. 37 4. 37 5. 16	. 98	1.06	1. 20 . 87	1. 36 1. 19	1. 59 1. 52 1. 51	1. 34 1. 23	1. 16 1. 00	1.07	. 96 . 82	4. 17 5. 16 6. 76		
Oct. 11 Oct. 12 Oct. 13	4, 17	. 71	. 85 . 92 . 94	1, 01 1, 05	1. 20 1. 38 1. 30	1.40	1. 20	1.01	.85	. 73	5, 36 4, 75 5, 36		
Oct. 16 Oct. 26 Oct. 28 Oct. 29	5. 36 4. 96 6. 76 4. 75	. 70	1.11	1. 24	1. 18		1, 18	1, 01	1.00	. 90	4. 57 5. 16 7. 57 10. 21		
Oct. 30 Oct. 31 Means	10. 59 11. 35	. 70 . 78	. 82 . 85 . 93	. 98 1. 01 1. 08	1. 14 1. 21 1. 26	1. 49	1. 15	. 94 1. 06	. 80	. 70 . 83	10. 59 11. 38		
Departures		 06	—. 01	 02	02	+.01	+. 00	02	01	01			

			BL	UE H	ILL, N	MASS.					•
et. 2	9.8					 	1. 15	1.02	<u>-</u>		١
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et. 6	9. 5 7. 9	ļ		1.24	1, 40		1, 26	. 97 1, 14	1.00		8
et. 10	9. 1			1.01	1. 22		1. 20	1.17	1.00	0, 68	١.
ct. 11	7.3				1. 27						i i
et. 12i	9.5			1.00	1.09		1.02	. 83			'
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ct. 15 ct. 16	4.4 7.0			1. 19	1, 29		1. 26 1. 28	1.05 1.11	.91	.79	;
et. 18	5.8				1. 23		1. 20	1.11		. 00	
ct. 19	4.6				1. 35		1, 21	. 74			
et. 21	4.4				1.30						,
ct. 25	5. 0		- -	1. 16			-=-==-	-:-::-			:
et. 26	2.7 3.7				1.38 1.37		1. 37	1. 11	1.01	- -	
et. 30	3. 4			1. 17	1. 17			. 94	-77		
ct. 31	5. 0			. 81	. 89		. 82	. 49	i		١ ١
Means				1.08	1. 24		1. 19	. 97	. 68	. 77	

^{*}Extrapolated.

atmosphere as seriously to interfere with normal-incidence measurements, as shown in table 3.

Polarization measurements made on 5 days at Washington give a mean of 59 percent with a maximum of 63 percent on the 10th. At Madison, measurements made on 6 days give a mean of 69 percent with a mximum of 76 percent on the 2d. These values are slightly higher than the October normals at both stations.

Table 2.—Average daily totals of solar radiation (direct+diffuse) received on a horizontal surface

		. Gram calories per square centimeter														
Week beginning—	Washing- ton	Madison	Lincoln	Chicago	New York	Fresno	Pitts- bur g h	Fair- banks	Twin Falls	La Jolla	Gaines- ville	Miami	New Orleans	River- side	Blue Hill	
1933 Oct. 1	cal. 382 343 292 257	cal. 353 266 196 185	cal. 432 388 306 324	cal. 344 286 167 158	cal. 327 299 250 199	cal. 437 407 417 389	cal. 242 206 230 172	cal. 138 102 86 89	cal. 438 398 346 274	cal. 308 196 382 220	cal. 330 317 260	cal. 324 452 360 372	cal. 404 409 250 328	cal. 439 349 411 329	cal. 259 327 325 189	
] 	Departures from weekly normals														
Oct. 1	l + 35	+80 +23 -26 -16	+102 +83 -1 +49	+114 +83 -15 -3	+47 +51 +36 +7	+10 +56 +40 +19	-16 -10 +38 -9		$^{+22}_{+17}_{-12}_{-41}$	+14 -78 +115 -48	-27 -52 -79	-156 +50 -23 +3				
		Accumulated departures on Oct. 29														
	+7, 567	-1, 442	+5, 516	+13, 650	+9, 086	+9, 590	-1, 659		+609	+9, 247		-4,984				

Table 3.—Solar radiation measurements, and determinations of atmospheric-turbidity factor, β, Washington, D.C., October 1933

[Values in italics have been interpolated]

Table 4.—Summary of solar radiation intensity measurements made at the Blue Hill Meteorological Observatory, Milton, Mass., during October 1933

[Im=total intensity; Ir=that transmitted by red filter; Ir=that by vellow filter]

	1	1	1		T		1			$[I_m = tot]$	al inte	nsity; I	,=that	transmi	tted by	y red filter; I,=that by yellow filter]
Date and solar- hour angle	Solar olti- tude, h	Air mass m	. I.,	I,	Ir	β	Blue- ness of sky	cles per	Notes: Sky- light polari- zation, P., clouds, etc.	Date and hour angle from solar noon	Solar alti- tude, h.	mose	. I m	Ιν	I,	Sky conditions: clouds, haze (hz), smoke (smk), visibility (v), wind
Oct. 8				gr. cal.	gr. cal.	gr. cal.	 			2:10, p.m 4:04, p.m	0 / 35 33 18 26		1. 161	gr. cal. 0.837 .792	0. 662	Few Cist, 3 Cu; v 2; E-2.
4:32a 4:27a 4:09a	14-20 15-16 18-34	4.00 3.74 3.12	1. 005 1. 038 1. 107	0.79£ .796 .739	0. 645 . 647 . 691	0. 035 . 045 . 060		548		Oct. 5						
4:04a 3:51a 3:46a 3:00a 2:55a	19-28 21-25 22-40 30-22 31-10	3. 02 2. 72 2. 58 1. 98 1. 93	1. 137 1. 190 1. 208 1. 270 1. 306	.741 .779 .782 .927 .930	.691 .715 .718 .738 .743	.055 .055 .055 .055 .070				2:48, a.m 1:10, a.m 0:33, p.m Oct. 8	30 09 41 08 43 11	1. 99 1. 52 1. 46	1, 210 1, 341 1, 350	. 886 . 972 . 958	. 720 . 734 . 734	5 Ci; v 7; NE-5. 3 Ci, few Cu; v 8-9; NE-5. 3 Cl, Cist; v 8-9; NNE-5.
Oct. 6 4:24a 4:18a 3:53a	15-00 16-06 20-35	3. 82 3. 57 2. 82	1. 053 1. 083 1. 190	. 800 . 803 . 867	. 655 . 658 . 709	- 040 - 040		855		3:04, a.m 1:09, a.m 0:19, p.m 2:24, p.m 2:50, p.m	18 24 39 24 41 41 31 48 28 08	1.57	1, 390 1, 380 1, 316	. 936 . 940 . 963 . 927 . 900	.734 .765 .738 .724 .700	1 Acu, Cu; v 9; W-4. Few Acu, Cu; v 9; W-4. Few Acu, Frcu; v 9; W-3.
3:46a 2:56a 2:52a	21-49 30-06	2. 69 2. 00 1. 95	1. 198 1. 312 1. 342	870 952 955	.712 .749 .752	. 045 . 055 . 055 . 045	6		P=60.4%	Oct. 10			1.210	.500		rew Acu, Fleu, v 9, W-5.
1:48a 1:43a 0:26a 0:20a	39-42 39-58 45-34 45-43	1. 57 1. 57 1. 40 1. 39	1. 407 1. 380 1. 372 1. 392	. 991 . 994 . 999 1. 000	.786 .791 .791 .794	.090 .080 .090				0:28, p.m	28 55 38 16 40 43 26 14	1. 61	1, 202 1, 287 1, 292 1, 048	. 904 . 945 . 940 . 788	.727 .742 .747 .630	Few Acu; v 6-7; W-5. Few Ci, Cicu; v 7; W-5. Few Frcu; v 8-9; WSW-5. Few Cu, Frcu; v 8; W-6.
Oct. 7										Oct. 11						
1:31a 1:24a 1:15a	13-29 14-46 16-24	4. 24 3. 87 3. 51	. 934 . 957 1. 014	.747 .750 .770	. 597 . 600 . 636	. 060 . 065 . 065		1, 367		2:42, a.m Oct. 12	28 30	2.09	1. 238	. 904	. 724	2 Ci; v 7-8; W-4.
4:11a 3:55a 3:50a 2:57a 2:50a	17-06 19-58 20-50 29-38 30-46	3. 37 2. 90 2. 80 2. 02 1. 95	1. 045 . 996 1. 090 1. 198 1. 187	.773 .737 .740 .895	.639 .649 .652 .633	. 055 . 095 . 065 . 045		1, 307	!	2:44, a.m 2:52, p.m Oct. 14	27 54 26 47	2. 13 2. 21	1, 084 . 909	. 806 . 684	. 652 . 536	No clouds; v 7; SSW-6. 1 Ci near sun; few Cu; v 7; WSW-6.
2:01a 0:17a 0:11a Oct. 10	37–29 45–18 45–38	1. 64 1. 41 1. 40	1. 309 1. 106 1. 096	. 885 . 890 . 894	.749 .773 .779	. 085 . 290 . 300				1:01, p.m	27 32 39 15 37 43 29 05	1.63	1. 264 1. 412 1. 395 1. 354	. 945 . 986 1. 012 . 968	. 752 . 774 . 781 . 776	Few Acu, Frcu, Cu; v 9; NW-4. Few Ci, Cicu; v 9; NW-4. Few Ci, Cicu; v 9; NW-4. 1 Ci; v 9; WNW-4.
1:36a	11-46	4. 80	. 673	. 658	. 547	. 180		284		Oct. 15						
4:31a 4:04a 4:00a 3:15a	12-41 17-34 18-16 29-28 29-47	4, 47 3, 30 3, 17 2, 02 2, 01	. 751 . 940 . 966 1. 119 1. 070	. 661 . 736 . 741 . 855 . 839	. 549 . 615 . 618 . 688 . 691	. 120 . 160 . 090 . 110 . 145	6 .		P=62.9%	1:26 p.m 2:51 p.m	29 08 39 12 35 32 26 00	2.06 1.58 1.72 2.28	1. 292 1. 364 1. 316 1. 190	0. 950 . 954 . 954 . 889	0. 752 . 752 . 747 . 675	0 clouds; v 6-8; W-3. 0 clouds; v 7-8; W-2. 0 clouds; v 8; SW-3. 0 clouds; v 8; SW-2.
Oct. 26	i				Ì					Oct. 16 1:07 a.m	36 42	1, 67	1.382	. 994	. 776	0 clouds; v 8; 8-5.
:56a :50a :04a :00a :57p :04p	37-43 24-47	2. 37 2. 29 1. 64 1. 63 2. 36 2. 46	1. 288 1. 294 1. 088 1. 091 1. 080 1. 108	. 949 . 952 . 784 . 788 . 814 . 818	.780 .782 .639 .642 .658 .661	. 060 . 065 . 140 . 140 . 090	6		P=59.7%	Oct. 18 2:32 a.m 0:52 a.m 0:03 a.m Oct. 19	27 36 36 50 38 09	2, 15 1, 67 1, 62	1. 220 1. 206 1. 260	. 904 . 878 . 918	1	1 Cist; smk or hz; v 6-7; W-3. 1 Cist over sun; 1 Cu; v 8; W-4.
:31p	19-40	2. 96 3. 06	1. 035 . 987	. 782 . 788	. 644 . 642	. 080 . 070 . 080				2:42 a.m.	25 58 36 00 34 53	2. 28 1. 70	1. 305 1. 404 1. 377	. 963 . 976 . 994	. 774 . 780	Few Ci, Cist over sun; v 9; NW-5. 2 Cist, Ci; v 9+; WNW-1.

Table 4.—Summary of solar radiation intensity measurements made at the Blue Hill Meteorological Observatory, Milton, Mass., during October 1933—Continued

[In=total intensity; Ir=that transmitted by red filter; Iy=that by yellow filter]

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Date and hour angle from solar noon	al tu	lar ti- de,	Air mass, m.	I,	I,	I,	Sky conditions; clouds, haze (hz), smoke (smk), visibility (v), wind
Oct. \$1 2:28 a.m	° 27	, 10	2. 18	gr. cai. 1. 260	gr. cal. . 927	gr.cal. .752	2 Ci, Cist, Cicu, few Freu; v 6; NE-3.
Oct. 26							
2:32 a.m 1:21 a.m	25 31	07 50	2.35 1.89	1. 292 1. 382	. 968	. 774 . 796	0 clouds; v 9; WNW-5.
0:23 a.m 2:53 p.m	35	04 25	1.74	1. 418	1. 022	. 824 . 722	0 clouds; v 8-9; NW-3. Few Cist; v 8-9; N-3.
Oct. 29		20	1,01	1. 210	.000	. 122	Fow Clat, V 3-5, IV-0.
2:28 a.m	24	44	2, 38	1. 350	1.035	. 817	Few Stcu; v 9-10; NNW-3.
0:07 p.m	34	45	1. 75	1. 361	. 968	. 765	Few Ci; v 9; NW-3.
Oct. 30							
2:33 a.m 1:10 a.m	24 31	02 43	2. 45 1. 90	1. 048 1. 197	. 792 . 846	. 650 . 684	1 Ci, 2 Cist; hz over sun; v 6-7; N-4.
Oct. 31							
1:05 a.m 2:58 p.m	31 20	40 24	1.90 2.85	. 904 . 626	. 684 . 503	. 549 . 405	Hz over sun; v 6; SW-2. Few Ci; dense hz; v 6; WSW-2.

POSITIONS AND AREAS OF SUN SPOTS

[Communicated by Capt. J. F. Hellweg, Superintendent United States Naval Observatory. Data furnished by Naval Observatory, in cooperation with Harvard, Perkins, and Mount Wilson observatories. The differences of longitude are measured from central meridian, positive west. The north latitudes are plus. Areas are corrected for foreshortening and are expressed in millionths of sun's visible hemisphere. The total area, including spots and groups, is given for each day in the last column]

		tern	н	eliograp	hic	A	Total area	
Date	ci	rd vil me	Diff. long.	Longi- tude	Lati- tude	Spot	Group	for each day
1933	h	m	۰	0		\ 		
Oct. 1 (Naval Observatory)	12	2	Į.	No spot	l S		i	
Oct. 2 (Naval Observatory)	13	7		No spot				
Oct. 3 (Naval Observatory)	11	48		No spot	S	 -		
Oct. 4 (Mount Wilson)	9	48		No spot				
Oct. 5 (Naval Observatory)	14	24		No spot		 -		
Oct. 6 (Naval Observatory)	11	9		No spot			- -	
Oct. 7 (Naval Observatory)	11	0		No spot			J	
Oct. 8 (Naval Observatory)	13	50		No spot			}- -	
Oct. 9 (Naval Observatory)	11	12		No spot				
Oct. 10 (Naval Observatory)	11	10		No spot				
Oct. 11 (Naval Observatory)	11	49		No spot				
Oct. 12 (Naval Observatory)	12	16		No spot	5			

	sta	tern	H	[eli	ograp	hie	A	rea	Total area	
Date	ci	rd vil me	Diff. long.		ongi- tude	Lati- tude	Spot	Group	for each day	
Oct. 13 (Mount Wilson) Oct. 14 (Naval Observatory) Oct. 15 (Naval Observatory) Oct. 16 (Naval Observatory) Oct. 16 (Naval Observatory) Oct. 18 (Naval Observatory) Oct. 18 (Naval Observatory) Oct. 19 (Naval Observatory) Oct. 20 (Naval Observatory) Oct. 21 (Naval Observatory) Oct. 22 (Naval Observatory) Oct. 22 (Naval Observatory) Oct. 24 (Mount Wilson) Oct. 24 (Mount Wilson) Oct. 25 (Naval Observatory) Oct. 26 (Naval Observatory) Oct. 27 (Naval Observatory) Oct. 28 (Naval Observatory) Oct. 29 (Naval Observatory) Oct. 29 (Naval Observatory)	h 111 111 112 122 100 133 122 111 99 111 122 120 100 12	m 20 41 42 23 14 9 39 14 11 38 50 50 51 27 12 57	-2.0 +12.0 +25.0 +38.0	NINNINN NINN NINN	o spota o spot	5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5		123 93 93 93 93	122 93	
Oct. 31 (Naval Observatory) Mean daily area for October.	12	5	+66.0		91.7	+7.5		46	4	

PROVISIONAL SUN-SPOT RELATIVE NUMBERS FOR OCTOBER 1933

(Dependent alone on observations at Zurich and its station at Arosa)

[Data furnished through the courtesy of Prof. W. Brunner, Eidgenössiche Sternwarte, Zurich, Switzerland]

October 1933	Relative numbers	October 1933	Relative numbers	October 1933	Relative numbers
1 2 3 4	0 0 0 0	11		21 22 23 24 25	0 0 0 0
5 6 7 8 9	0 0 0	16	0 0 0 0	26 27 28 29	Mc9 20 19
10	8	20	U	30	14 12

Mean: 28 days=3.4.

Mc=New formation of a center of activity; M, in the central zone.

AEROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

[Aerological Division, W. R. Gregg, in charge]

By L. T. SAMUELS

There was considerable variation this month in the free-air temperature departures. They were greatest at Pembina (table 1) and negative at all levels, while at Omaha they were positive and of only slightly less magnitude. At the other stations the temperature departures were mostly of small-to-moderate magnitude with the signs varying considerably. Large positive departures occurred in the lower levels at Dallas and in the upper levels at Boston.

In practically all cases the relative humidity departures were of opposite sign to those for temperature except at San Diego, where positive departures for both of these elements prevailed.

Resultant free-air winds for October were close to normal both in direction and velocity at most stations and levels (table 2). Exceptions to this occurred, however, at Pembina and Omaha, referred to above in connection with marked differences in temperature departures. At Pembina the resultant velocities were below normal while at Omaha they exceeded the normal. The resultant directions were normal at both stations.